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Gen. Fraser assumes command



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Lt. Gen. Douglas Fraser assumed command of Alaskan Command, Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region and 11th Air Force in a ceremony Tuesday in Hangar 1. General Fraser was Director of Air and Space Operations, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., and was also 3rd Wing commander from January 2000 - April 2002. The general assumed command from Lt. Gen. Carroll Chandler, who departed Elmendorf to become the Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force.



**Airman 1st Class Kyle Von Bergen**, 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, distinguished himself by displaying outstanding performance while troubleshooting a SUU-60 pylon with multiple internal resistance failures. His expert system knowledge enabled him to diagnose chaffed wires in two wire bundles. He overhauled electrical connectors on both harnesses in less than one shift and eliminated the inadvertent in-flight jettison of a pylon, resulting in a successful “Code One” F-15C aircraft training sortie.

**Master Sgt. Joe Stroud and Staff Sgt. Nathan Simmons**, 12th Fighter Squadron, renovated the foyer of the 12th FS replacing unserviceable flooring with new tile. During the 11th Air Force change of command, the hangar was toured by the incoming and outgoing commanders of the command as well as several visiting flag officers. The efforts of Sergeants Stroud and Simmons to improve the appearance of Hangar 1 go above and beyond their normal duties and reflect pride of the warriors in the 3rd Wing.

Increased Firearms Violations Raises Concerns

By Master Sgt. Dale Glover  
3rd Security Forces Squadron

The great outdoors and firearms go together in the state of Alaska. Whether for hunting, sport shooting, or personal protection from wildlife, firearms definitely have a purpose in the state.

When they are used properly, everyone is safe and has an enjoyable time; when they are used inappropriately the cost can be high, even deadly.

Unfortunately, in the past few months some Arctic Warriors have become involved in weapons incidents, on and off base, that raise concerns for safety and the well being of our communities.

While a Wild West mentality and today’s action movies can make weapons look like the “cool” thing to play with, the consequences are real and serious.

“There are right ways to own and

handle weapons, and there are wrong ways,” said Col. Scotty Lewis, 3rd Wing vice commander. “If one of our members handles weapons improperly – brandishes them, doesn’t register them, conceals them illegally, fires them when they are not supposed to, etc. – they are committing a crime and we will take proper action.”

Recently a military member in base housing brandished a handgun that was concealed in their pants’ waist. To make a bad situation even worse, in this case the member did not have any of the weapons in their home registered on the installation. That member was carrying a concealed weapon on a military installation, a criminal offense that can bring with it a charge of violating Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Failure to Obey an Order or Regulation.

That charge could lead to an Article 15 action or a court-martial. The penalties for a conviction like this

could include jail time, fines, demotions, extra duty, as well as a punitive discharge.

Earlier this year, an Elmendorf NCO was jailed downtown for firing a weapon from a vehicle while driving through downtown Anchorage.

In another weapons incident, a few months earlier, a base airman fired a weapon from a moving vehicle on the Glenn Highway near Eagle River.

As those individuals found out, if they planned to discharge a weapon in a vehicle, they should also have planned ahead and packed a bag for a stay in jail as well as brought their checkbooks.

Once again, these are crimes. In the case of discharging a weapon from a vehicle, the crime carries a maximum penalty of 1 year in jail and/or a \$10,000 fine. The local police will also add your weapon to their growing inventory of firearms.

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Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle  
3rd Wing commander

Do you have a problem you can’t seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done? The commander’s action line is your avenue to communicate your questions, comments and concerns directly to the commander, Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle. Your calls will get the commander’s personal attention and be answered in a timely manner.

If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line at:

**552-2224**  
**actionline@elmendorf.af.mil**

The following commanders stand ready to help you and can answer the majority of your questions. If they can’t help, then please call the Action Line.

- Key phone numbers:**
- Col. Mike Hass, 3rd CES/CC 552-3007
  - Maj. Mark Allen, 3rd SVS/CC 552-2468
  - Maj. Mitch Bird, 3rd SFS/CC 552-4304

Fridays and Saturdays  
midnight to 4 a.m.

To volunteer, go to the Klon-dike Community Center, near the Glacier Dorms.

For more information, call AADD president Airman 1st Class Mike Archibald at 552-9205.



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3rd Wing Moment in History  
Oct. 12 1943:

Maj. “Jocko” Henebry, 90th Fighter Squadron commander, led the 3rd Bomb Group on its first low level bombing and strafing mission against the Japanese stronghold at Rabaul.





# Arctic Warriors named Top 40 Under 40

By Lt. Col. Michael Halbig  
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Monday, three Arctic Warriors were recognized at a banquet as being among the top young professionals in the state of Alaska.

They were named as a recipient of "Alaska's Top Forty Under 40" awards.

Lt. Col. S. Michael Convertino, 3rd Communications Squadron commander; Maj. Lourdes Rivera, 3rd Medical Operations Squadron operations officer; and John Williams, Armed Services YMCA transportation manager; were recognized for their professional excellence and commitment to their local communities.

The awards are presented annually by the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce and the Alaska Journal of Commerce.

## Lt. Col. Convertino

As commander of the 3rd Communications Squadron, Colonel Convertino was noted for leading this 300-plus person squadron, managing more than \$130 million of command, control, communications and computer systems to support Elmendorf as well as three remote and 17 long-range radar sites. Under his leadership the squadron was recognized with four mainte-



nance awards, three communications awards and two other unit awards.

Colonel Convertino was also cited for devoting nearly 300 hours of his personal time to the community through the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, Bean's Cafe and Special Olympics Alaska where he serves as a board member and volunteer. He also dedicated himself to education in the state as the chairman of the Armed Forces Communication-Electronics Association of Alaska Scholarship program and also being elected as the chairman of the University of Alaska's Networking Curriculum Advisory Committee.

"All I have accomplished is due to the support I have received from my family and the outstanding men and women with whom I serve," Colonel Convertino said about receiving this award. "This award is their award, not mine, and is a testament to their ability to forge cohesive teams that can make nearly anything possible."

## Maj. Rivera

A medical administrator serving as the 3rd Medical Operations Squadron's Operations Officer, Major Rivera was cited for her work as the business strategist for the military treatment facility, handling the staffing, funding, and enrollment for the state's primary referral center that serves more than 106,000



Department of Defense and Veterans Administration beneficiaries. She led a medical appointment process working group that secured a \$650,000 contract and reduced telephone waiting times from 19 minutes to 1 minute in a year.

Major Rivera's work with local charities was key to her selection as well. She assisted in the Children's Miracle Network telethon that raised more than \$500,000 this past year. Additionally she encouraged 80 of her fellow Medical Group members to take part in the annual 2005 March of Dimes Walk, having the Group place fifth in the state for the number of participants. She was recognized as the ninth top fund raiser for this year's walk.

"I am extremely honored to have been recognized by the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce and Alaska Journal of Commerce as one of Alaska's Top Forty Under 40," Major Rivera said. "I have learned many valuable lessons as an (Air Force) officer, mother, wife and friend; but the most important lesson I would share is no matter what obstacles life presents, always do your best...in the end everything will work out."

## Mr. Williams

The transportation manager for the Armed Services YMCA, Mr. Williams initiated the "Free Shuttle Program" for



military members and their families on Elmendorf and Ft. Richardson. Since March the service logged more than 15,000 accident free miles as it expanded from a weekday shuttle to one including weekend hours to Anchorage shopping malls. He also worked closely with local businesses to obtain donations for the program. Additionally, while driving the shuttle one evening, he saw a group of teens vandalizing government property, alerted the Security Forces and assisted in their apprehension.

Mr. Williams' community work includes his being the founder and executive director of the organization "Come On In, Inc." This organization is designed to preserve a high moral standard of living in the youth of the nation by focusing on good morals and high standards of living, while discouraging negative behavior that goes against those precepts. This organization offers a full activity and involvement program. He also works to assist prospective enlistees to prepare for their military entrance examinations.

"First of all I would like to thank God for giving me the strength and knowledge to accomplish the things I have accomplished. It gives me great pleasure to be named among the top 40 young professionals in Alaska," Mr. Williams said. "I never will forget the people that were there for me to assist me in reaching such a great achievement. Of all the accomplishments I have achieved in my life, this award is among the best and the one I will hold dear to my heart."

# Elmendorf's Cold War power plant shuts down

By Master Sgt. Tommie Baker  
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Construction is on track for Elmendorf's \$48.7 million energy savings performance contract to convert an outdated power system to distributed natural gas and purchased electricity.

The last of six boilers at the Central Heat and Power Plant was shut down Sept. 30, signaling the end of an era. The Central Heat and Power Plant came on line in 1954.

After several years of planning and working with the community, the project is coming to fruition.

The project includes installation of boilers, coordination of new natural gas lines, electricity points of service, and demolition of the existing 50-year-old cogeneration plant and steam pits.

The project will eliminate a 58-mile network of severely deteriorated steam lines, referring to the underground pipe system that circulates steam to heat buildings throughout the base.

"The conversion will decrease our energy

use and in the long term, be less expensive to the taxpayers," said Col. Mark Douglas, 3rd Mission Support Group commander.

It will also provide an estimated 36 percent energy savings, saving the taxpayers more than \$123 million of energy and energy-related cost reductions over a 22-year performance period, compared with the cost of revitalizing the existing steam system. In addition, the project will meet Executive Order 13-123 which mandates federal agencies reduce power consumption by 35 percent by 2010.

The plant helped Elmendorf recover quickly from the 1964 Alaska Earthquake and be self-sufficient at a time when it was needed the most. A conversion from coal to natural gas came in 1968 reducing plant exhaust emissions to meet air quality standards far into the future.

Electrical power will now be provided by the City of Anchorage's Municipal Light and Power generators.



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. TOMMIE BAKER

Central Heat and Power Plant before it was shut down Sept. 30.



## Blood Drive

The Blood Bank of Alaska will hold a drive Oct. 22, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Joint Military Mall.

Many people try to squeeze in one last trip this time of year while the weather transitions to the wintry conditions. With so many vehicles on the roads, accidents can happen. For example, one car accident can consume 50 units of blood. Come out and support this worthwhile cause. The life you save could be yours.

To schedule an appointment, contact your unit blood drive monitor or 1st Lt. Veronica Acker at 552-9982, e-mail [veronica.acker@elmendorf.af.mil](mailto:veronica.acker@elmendorf.af.mil), or 1st Lt. Graham Davey at 552-5324, e-mail [graham.davey@elmendorf.af.mil](mailto:graham.davey@elmendorf.af.mil).

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A few other firearms incidents have occurred over the past few months that are just as disturbing. It seems that some Elmendorf members have brandished – not fired – weapons while driving on the roads.

We all disagree with other drivers’ driving styles from time to time, but using a firearm to threaten another driver is a felony that includes a maximum penalty of 5 years in jail and/or a \$50,000 fine; bigger overnight bag...bigger checkbook, and again the police keep the guns.

Off base it is not illegal to have a firearm in one’s possession. If one does carry a firearm, please remember:

- 1) If contacted by a peace officer, immediately inform him/her that you are in possession of a firearm or deadly weapon.
  - 2) If contacted by a peace officer, allow the officer to secure the deadly weapon during the duration of the contact.
  - 3) Pay attention to posted signs prohibiting concealed firearms on premises of any building or residence that you may visit.
- Also, do NOT:
- 1) Knowingly carry a concealed weapon on the grounds of, or the parking lot immediately adjacent to schools, licensed daycare facilities, federal, city, and state buildings, domestic violence shelters, airports, and courthouses.
  - 2) Carry a firearm in a bar or restaurant. It is il-

legal to carry a loaded gun into a place where liquor is sold for consumption on the premises, except in a restaurant if the person carrying the gun has not consumed alcohol.

- 3) Bring a concealed weapon on your person into the residence of another person without first obtaining the express permission of an adult residing at the residence.

For those who are residing on base, to include those in temporary quarters, regulations require all members to register all Privately Owned Weapons. Each organization or tenant on Elmendorf is required to obtain weapons registration from its members residing on the installation using the AF Form 1314.

If living in the dormitories or in temporary quarters, weapons must be stored at the 3rd Security Forces Armory, not in their quarters.

For those in housing who store their weapons

in their homes, they must use gun cabinets, mechanical locks or other safety devices to ensure it is not operable while in the home.

Carrying a loaded or unloaded concealed weapon on Elmendorf AFB is prohibited, including those in possession of a State of Alaska Concealed Weapons Permit.

For more information on base weapons policy refer to WI 31-107/Weapons Registration and Child Weapons Safety Program or contact Master Sgt. Dale Glover, 3rd Security Forces Squadron, 552-2132.


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— **Col. Scotty Lewis**  
*Vice Commander, 3rd Wing*

## Winter house tips

With the temperature dropping and the inevitable cold winter months upon us, there are several things one can do to avoid problems this winter.

1. Remove hoses from spigots and place a hose bib over the spigot. Hose bibs can be picked up at the U-Fix-It or any hardware store.
2. Change smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries.
3. Clean and/or change furnace filters for those units that have individual furnaces.
4. Ensure furniture and draperies are not blocking heat registers/vents.
5. Keep windows and garage doors closed at night and during extremely cold temperatures.
6. Clean out dryer vents.
7. Ice melt will be available, with limits, near the end of October at the UFI or any hardware store.





**To support the Combined Federal Campaign see your unit representative, or call Master Sgt. Mark Samborski at 552-8790.**



# Alaska couple serves Iraq deployment together

By Pat Jones

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

When you first meet Jim and Linda Wolfe, they seem like any other typical couple today.

They work long hours, and relish the opportunity to spend a little quality time together; perhaps they lag behind just a bit after breakfast for a little conversation before heading to the office, perhaps a couple of stolen moments for a quick lunch or dinner, or maybe a few minutes for a leisurely stroll after work. Yes, at first glance they are a normal, working couple.

For the Wolfes, however, the meals together and a little time after work are especially cherished because when it's time to call it an evening, they trudge off to their respective quarters.

Jim is a construction representative for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a volunteer from the Alaska District at Elmendorf, and Linda works as an administrative assistant for Kellogg, Brown and Root, and they live in separate accommodations at Camp Echo on the outskirts of Diwanyah, Iraq.

Linda said she wished it was different, and that they could live together, but this "is a lot better than not seeing each other at all."

While the USACE has no issue with married couples living together, other organizations want to limit intimate contact amongst their workers, and allowing married couples to live together could create resentment in the workforce.

Some Army units have even stricter policies regulating conduct of married personnel.

According to Jim, it isn't too bad. "At least we get to see each other." And that is an improvement over the previous year.

"We were together about a month out of the last 15," said Jim, who initially deployed to Afghanistan in July 2004.

According to Jim and Linda they both started thinking about volunteering for deployment shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, but neither one said anything to the other.

Then in early 2004 Linda brought it up in conversation, and Jim let her know he also had been considering deploying.

Once they made the decision to deploy, things happened quickly. Jim applied for positions in Afghanistan and Iraq, and was soon en route for Afghanistan.

After being in-country for six months he returned home for 30 days leave. Shortly after Jim returned to Afghanistan, Linda was

notified she had been accepted for a position with KBR in Iraq.

"I knew I was coming to Iraq, but not where, and I had no idea what I would be doing," said Linda, whose primary duty is as the KBR dispatcher at Camp Echo. "When it comes down to it, records management is records management."

For Linda, the opportunity to deploy had all the trappings of a great adventure, and so far it hasn't disappointed her.

It started with a whirlwind preparation for leaving. After being selected for the job, she had only three weeks to make all the preparations for leaving ... not a small task considering the other half of the team was already deployed elsewhere. "This is the first time I've been off the [North American] continent. I am always busy and it is interesting to work with all the different nationalities," she said of work at Camp Echo, which hosts soldiers from about eight countries.

For Jim, a 23-year civil service veteran, the deployments were a little more routine, but none the less, he was in Afghanistan and Linda was headed to Iraq.

Jim promptly volunteered for a position in Iraq and was accepted.

Jim said an early departure from Afghanistan was approved and he had intended to spend about a month at home before heading back overseas, but the gaining unit wanted him in-country as soon as possible.

But overall Jim said he didn't mind. "I don't like a desk job, and I really enjoy field work." He said this also gives the two of them the chance to pursue what they had talked about ... to do their part for the war on terrorism.

Like Linda, all Jim knew for certain was that he was headed for Iraq.

While he was slated to go to Camp Echo, where exactly he would end up was anyone's guess. His ending up at Camp Echo was a pleasant surprise for both of them. "We had no idea we would be able to see each other until we could coordinate leave," Linda said.

Linda is scheduled to return to Alaska the end of April 2006, and Jim is due to rotate in February. However, Jim said, if allowed, he will probably extend his tour so they can return together.

For now, the "average couple" is content with just being able to see one another, while pursuing their goal of "just being able to help."

# Briefs



## Tire changeover

Spouses and family members of deployed servicemembers can contact the Chapel Center or the member’s first sergeant for a voucher to have their studded tires installed.

The service is performed by Johnson’s Tire Service and vouchers expire Sunday.

## Car seat safety

The 3rd Medical Group will host a child seat safety inspection Oct. 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the parking lot closest to the main entrance to the hospital.

For information, call George Avila, 580-0103.

## Job Fair

Bring your resume, practice interviewing skills and network among more than 60 employers Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Guard Armory.

For information, call the Family Support Center, 552-4943, or the Army Community Service Center, 384-6716.

## Trick-or-Treat hours

Trick-or-Treat hours for base residents are 6-8 p.m Oct. 31.

The 732nd Air Mobility Squadron Passenger Terminal provides courtesy X-ray of Halloween candy from 8-11 p.m. Oct. 31 and from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 1.

## Bundles for Babies

A Bundles for Babies class,

designed for parents-to-be or new parents is Oct. 27, at the FSC at 9 a.m.

The class explains what resources are available and a free gift is provided to attendees.

For information or to register, call 552-4943.

## Family Day

Oct. 28 will be a 3rd Wing Family Day for all wing members.

## Home buying seminar

Elmendorf Housing office offers a home purchasing seminar Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. at the Housing Office, 6346 Arctic Warrior Drive.

The class lasts for two to three hours.

There is limited seating. Please call early for reservations, 552-4439/4328.

## Arctic Bazaar

The 20th Annual Arctic Bazaar is Saturday in Hangar 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For vendor information, call 694-1106.

For volunteer information, call 644-4728.

## AAHC talent competition

The African-American Heritage Council is hosting a talent competition from 5-9 p.m. Oct. 22 at the base theater.

For information, email *karisha*.

*robinson@elmendorf.af.mil* or call 552-2370.

## Haunted House help

The Fall Fest Haunted House is Oct. 28-30 at the Yukon Activity Center.

Volunteers are needed to build the house, sell tickets, act as guides and work as various monsters and ghouls. For information or to volunteer, call 552-8529.

## Spouses’ Autumn Celebration

All military spouses are invited to attend this complimentary event Oct. 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lee Reserve Center on Ft. Richardson.

There will be cooking demonstrations, Fitness Ball and yoga demonstrations, gardening tips, nutritional tips, scrap booking and stamping tips, and much more.

Food will be served and activities will be available for children.

The event is sponsored by the Armed Services YMCA, Army Community Service and the FSC.

For information, call Judy Atkins at 384-9622, Marv Jackson at 384-0272, or Sheila Braeutigam at 552-9290.

## Email upgrade

Pacific Air Forces Network Operations and Security Center and the 3rd Communications Squadron are upgrading the Microsoft Exchange servers to Microsoft Exchange 2003. The upgrades will

not be finished until Thursday

No desktop computer changes will be necessary, but users might notice some intermittent connections with the base email servers. If you have Outlook open while your mailbox is being moved from one server to another you will get an error. Close Outlook and then reopen the program at least ten minutes later.

With the new system, users will be able to access their calendar and inbox as well as search through the Air Force global email address list through their webmail. It will also help prevent computer viruses, blocking junk email, and spam.

### Traffic regulations

On-base traffic violations are addressed through the legal office’s federal magistrate court program.

If a traffic citation is received on base, members have the option of either paying the fine or contesting the citation in the U.S. Magistrate Court in downtown Anchorage.

For information on this program, call Capt. Peter Kezar at 552-3046.

### Housing residents

Aurora Military Family Housing representatives are now authorized to issue parking citations in the housing areas.

Copies of the citation will be given to 3rd Security Forces Squadron and the member’s respective first sergeant.

### BSA Troop 190

Meetings are every Monday from

7-8 p.m., except federal holidays, at Bldg. 10441, next to the Post Office.

For information or to join, call Art Gow, scoutmaster, at 552-6222 or 770-0798.

### Weapons registration

All military members residing in base housing, temporary lodging, and dormitories must register their privately owned weapons with the 3rd Security Forces armory.

Housing residents may store their weapons in quarters but must ensure the use of gun cabinets, mechanical locks or other safety devices to render it inoperable.

Weapons are not authorized in the dormitories or temporary lodging units.

These weapons must be stored in the 3rd SFS armory upon arrival.

For information, call the 3rd SFS at 552-6576.

### I. D. Theft Protection

The Army and several states have released information concerning another identity theft scheme. The thieves call the victim and inform them that they failed to show-up for jury duty and that a warrant for their arrest is being issued.

The thief continues on to assure the victim that it is likely all a mistake and asks the victim to “verify” that the court has the victim’s correct information on file.

This scam has been reported in Michigan, Ohio, Texas, Arizona, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Oregon and Washington. Poten-

tial victims should be wary of any unsolicited calls requesting personal information.

For more information, please call 552-3048.

■ Equifax Inc. and the Council of Better Business Bureaus have joined forces to equip America’s military personnel and their families with resources to help them protect their credit health and guard against identity theft.

Military families can easily link from the BBB Military line site, *<http://military.bbb.org>*, directly to Equifax’s credit education Web site, *[www.mycrediteducation.com](http://www.mycrediteducation.com)*, a comprehensive resource designed to give consumers access to credit management tools, tips and advice.

### AFSA Auxiliary

Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary Chapter A1473 general membership meets the third Thursday of every month.

The next meeting is on Thursday at the Arctic Oasis at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Deanna Menzel 727-9195 or e-mail *[tdmenzel@gci.net](mailto:tdmenzel@gci.net)* or call Amber Carmichael 646-9370.

### Toastmaster’s Fireside Chapter

Toastmaster’s Fireside Chapter of Elmendorf is seeking active duty or Guard personnel interested in reinstituting Toastmaster meetings.

For more information, contact Sherry Strizak or Robert Gunderson at 688-8623 or 552-6293.



## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic Parish

- Monday through Wednesday and Friday Mass: 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center
- Thursday Mass: 11:30 a.m. at the Hospital Chapel
- Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1
- Sunday Evening Mass: 5 p.m. at Chapel 2
- Confession: 6 p.m. Sundays at Chapel 2

### Protestant Sunday

- Liturgical Service: 9 a.m. at Chapel 2
- Celebration Service: 9 a.m. at Chapel 1
- Gospel Service: noon at Chapel 1
- Fellowship Praise: 6 p.m. at Chapel 1

### Religious Education

- Catholic Religious Education: Sunday at 9 a.m. at the Chapel Center.
- Protestant Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center.

For more information, call the Chapel at 552-4422.



# Arctic Warriors of Week



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. SUELLYN NUCKOLLS

## Tech Sgt. Kevin Pollard

**Duty title:** Alaska Air National Guard, 176th Air Control Squadron, resource advisor/supply technician  
**Hometown:** Las Vegas, Nev.  
**Hobbies:** Coaching youth sports and spending quality time with family and friends.  
**Mission contribution:** Responsible for acquiring and managing government assets to support the Alaskan NORAD Region’s Operation Noble Eagle and Homeland Defense missions at the Regional Operations Center.  
**Time at Elmendorf:** 14 years  
**Time in the Air Force:** 16 years  
**Best part of being in Alaska:** The beauty and prestigious scenery  
**Supervisor’s comments:** “Tech. Sgt. Pollard’s continual initiative and hard work have ensured the resources are in place for the installation of the premier ANR weapons system: Battle Control System-Fixed. His effort will ensure replacement of a 20-year-old system and put NORAD command and control technology into the 21st century.” Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Grether



## Staff Sgt. Rhonda Howansky

**Duty title:** 19th Fighter Squadron, NCOIC, information management  
**Hometown:** Odd, W. Va.  
**Hobbies:** Playing Walk on Walls, collecting pens, and watching movies.  
**Mission contribution:** Provides service and support to the squadron.  
**Time at Elmendorf:** Three years  
**Time in the Air Force:** Six years and nine months  
**Best part about being in Alaska:** The mountains and snow  
**Commander’s comments:** “Concerning information managers, Staff Sgt. Howansky is a ‘Jack of all trades;’ commander’s correspondence, OPR/EPR routing, mobility folders, computers, ground chemical gear accounting and distribution, etc., and a master of all, too.” Lt. Col. Roger Witek





PHOTO BY TECH SGT. KEITH BROWN

## Studded tires, please!

Sharon Syvertson and son, Matthew, family of deployed Master Sgt. Matt Syvertson, check in at Johnson's Tire Center to have studded tires put on her vehicle. Mrs. Syvertson took her vehicle in as part of a program supporting families of deployed members, sponsored by the chapel. The chapel handed out approximately 1,400 coupons to spouses of deployed military members from Elmendorf, Ft. Richardson and Kulis Air National Guard Base. This is the second year for the program, which is extended through Sunday. The program helps deployed families by installing their studded tires for free.

## Nonjudicial Punishment

### Article 15s:

An airman 1st class with the 11th Operations Weather Squadron dishonorably failed to pay his cell phone bill in the amount of \$873.25 for three months. His punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to the grade of airman, suspended restriction to the limits of Elmendorf for 15 days, and 30 days extra duty.

### Discharges:

An airman from the 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was administratively discharged for drug abuse. His misconduct included one Article 15 for illegal use of marijuana. The member's misconduct resulted in his general discharge.

An airman from the 3rd Security Forces Squadron was administratively discharged for multiple minor disciplinary infractions.

His misconduct included one Article 15 for violating a lawful general order and committing an indecent act with a female airman, three Letters of Reprimand and two Letters of Counseling. The member's misconduct resulted in his general discharge.

*(Courtesy of the 3rd Wing Legal Office)*



# Arctic Life

*Great living in the great land*

## Base teens, family showcase talent



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**Left:** Hailey Copeland, performs “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star” at the 2005 Family and Teen Talent Show Oct. 7 at the Susitna Club.

**Above:** Emma Copeland, and her mother, Louise, perform Martina McBride’s “This One’s for the Girls” at the talent show.

**Below:** Jacob Dee, front and Darren Twifford, back, of the band Akrohda, perform a song they wrote. Emily Dewitt is also in the band, but is not pictured.

### Winners

Children 3-8 years Solo: Emma Copeland

Preteen 9-12 Solo: Courtney Beach

Preteen 9-12 Group: Leonard Copeland and Emma Copeland

Teen 13-18 Solo: Andre Robbins

Teen 13-18 Group: Akrohda: Jacob Dee, Darren Twifford, Emily Dewitt

Parent/Child Group: Louise Copeland and Emma Copeland

Best Overall: Andre Robbins

Best Solo: Megan Tate

Best Group: Akrohda

Participation prizes: Andrew Dillon, Zach Foss, Rob Grimmette, Josh Bush, Hailey Copeland, Emma Copeland, Leonard Copeland, Louise Copeland, Nobuko Maybin, Roslyn Hermes, Brea Harris and Courtney Beach





# Can you hear me now?

**By Master Sgt. Tommie Baker**  
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Things have been mighty busy lately for members of the 3rd Communications Squadron.

While the Air Force's Air Expeditionary Forces have brought stability and predictability to people, the need to be ready to deploy at a moment's notice still remains.

Members of the 3rd CS have labored long hours to ensure the 3rd Wing and all of its assets are as ready to go whenever and wherever they are called to go.

Three major projects the 3rd CS has been involved in are upgrades to the PACAF Initial Communications Package, the Precision Approach Radar and the Land Mobile Radio system.

Of the three system upgrades, the introduction of new LMRs is probably the most noticeable to base members. The new system also enhances the base's ability to communicate statewide with emergency first-responders.

Approximately 2,000 LMRs are being replaced by newer, more secure, less maintenance-intensive ones.

These new hand-held radios, coupled with about an additional 500 vehicle-mounted radios, will give the base better, more reliable day-to-day communications capabilities, as well as enhance communications during exercises.

The new LMRs are expected to be fully operational by the end of November.

The replacement of the GPN-62 Precision Approach Radar system, one of the systems used to help airplanes line up with the runway, with

an upgraded GPN-22 PAR system will increase reliability, decrease maintenance down-time, and facilitate a better logistical flow for the system said Tech. Sgt. Robert Eisner, 3rd CS, plans and implementation flight NCOIC.

Getting the PAR system installed proved to be a challenge said Sergeant Eisner.

A team from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., was dispatched here to aid in the installation. However, due to the devastation caused at Keesler by Hurricane Katrina, the team returned home.

"This was truly an Elmendorf team effort," he said.

"When the Keesler team left, this more or less became a 'self-help' project. There's been some long days put into getting this up and running. Members of the (3rd Civil Engineer Squadron Simplified Acquisition of Base Engineer Requirements) team, 3rd Contracting Squadron, (3rd CS) and many others have banded together to get this project completed before the snow starts coming down," said Sergeant Eisner.

Less noticeable to many members of the base, the 3rd CS PICP team stood up a new Flyaway Tri-Band Satellite Terminal which significantly boosts their capability to generate and sustain mobile communications according to Master Sgt. Mike Patz, PICP NCOIC.

Some of the impacts the new FTSAT has includes "reducing pallet buildup by two hours, cutting our forward deployment footprint by 33 percent, and increasing our overall system operational rates," said Sergeant Patz.



**Top left:** Airman 1st Class Adam Stacy, 3rd Communications Squadron, solders wires onto a control board. Precision maintenance, such as this, is integral to keeping the various systems operating at peak performance levels.

**Top right:** Airman Stacy tightens a bolt on the new GPN-22 Precision Approach Radar system. Above: Airman 1st Class Kenneth Black, 3rd CS checks operations on the 'giant voice' control box which is accessible by wing leadership on the new Land Mobile Radio system. The 'giant voice' is used as a public address system to notify the base populace of emergency messages.

**Left:** Members of the 3rd CS and 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron lower the dish for the GPN-22 Precision Approach Radar. The upgraded PAR will increase reliability and reduce maintenance down-time. **Far Left:** Senior Airman Amber Adams and Senior Airman Jayson Llewellyn, 3rd CS, conduct performance checks on the new Flyaway Tri-Band Satellite Terminal.

**On the cover:** Airman 1st Class Peter Lyons, 3rd CS, helps install the new GPN-22 Precision Approach Radar.





# Hillberg pro shop opens today

By Mrs. Mary Rall  
3rd Services Marketing

When winter rolls around, you have to be prepared to add a little action to the dark days.

While the nights will be longer and the days colder, there are always downhill thrills at Hillberg Ski Area to take the edge off all that is winter in Alaska.

Although much depends on the cooperation of the weather, you can get a jump on the season and some great deals by heading up to the pro shop, which opens today.

Their current hours of operation are Friday-Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. They will extend their hours as the ski season gets into full swing.

Although the hours of operation may be limited, there are an abundance of deals to take advantage of early this season. Besides

bargain prices on ski equipment, clothing, and accessories, patrons can get a jump on the slopes by purchasing season passes.

As always, Hillberg makes skiing for the season an affordable experience for the whole family.

Season passes

this year are

\$200

each

for

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first,

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ond,

and third

pass and \$50 for

each additional pass.

Season pass holders have

unlimited access to all lifts

including the tubing area.

Passes purchased before

Nov. 25 will receive a 10

percent discount.

In addition to the skiing

and snowboarding equip-

ment, apparel and acces-

sories to choose from, the

shop has a knowledgeable

staff to answer any questions

and provide services such

as equipment tuning and

waxing equipment for the

upcoming season.

The Hillberg Ski Area is

anticipated to open Nov.

25, although snow condi-

tions may cause that to

change.

For safety, the Hillberg

staff asks that all individu-

als remain off the hill

until it officially

opens. Staff mem-

bers are preparing for

the season by making

snow and there are high

voltage power cords, high

pressure power lines and

snowmaking equipment all

over the hill.

The latest updates on the

hill's opening status can be

obtained by calling the Hill-

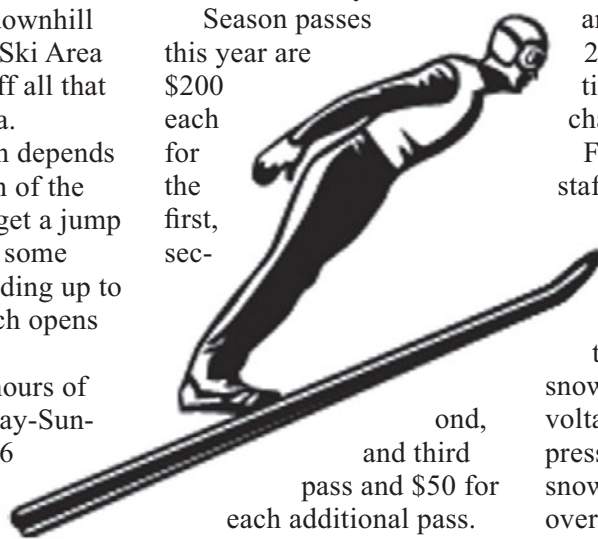
berg Hotline at 552-4276 or

by logging on to Topcover.

For more information

about Hillberg or other win-

ter offers, call 552-4838.



## ...:inside the fence

**Open Bowling,** Today, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. for \$2.75 per game at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

**Teen Movie Night,** Today, 7-9 p.m. for \$8 at the Young Adult Center. 753-2371

**Family Xtreme Bowling,** Get two hours of Xtreme bowling, shoe rental, two pitchers of soda and popcorn for \$30 for up to six people per lane Sunday, 1-8 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

**Sunday Brunch,** 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Susitna Club. 753-3131

**Airmen's Special,** E-4's and below and their families receive a 50 percent discount on all open bowling and shoe rentals Monday, 5-9 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

**Bring an Airman to Lunch Day,** Supervisors receive half off the Airman's meal Monday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 753-3131

**Football Frenzy,** Qualify to get a trip to the Super Bowl and free food when your pre-registered team plays Monday, 5 p.m. at the Kashim Club. 753-3131

**Children's Story Time Begins,** Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. at the Library. 552-3787

**Digital Arts Festival Showcase,** Tuesday-Oct. 21 at the Young Adult Center. 753-2371

**Bowler Appreciation Night,**

Enjoy bowling for \$1.75 per game Tuesday, 5-9 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

**Early Childhood Music Classes,** Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30-10 a.m. and 10:15-10:45 a.m. at the Arctic Oasis Community Center. 552-8529

**New Parent Orientations,** Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. at the Child Development Centers. 552-8304

**Wednesday Night Madness,** Enjoy unlimited bowling, 5-9 p.m. for \$18 per lane for up to five people at the Polar Bowl. Shoes not included. 552-4108

**Adult Introduction to Scrapbooking,** Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. for \$7, Bring photos to complete a project at the Arts and Crafts Center. 552-7012

**Cruise Night,** Wednesday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Information, Tickets and Travel. 753-2378

**Introduction to Framing,** 5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday for an 8 1/2 x 11 or smaller picture for \$45 at the Arts and Crafts Center. 552-7012

**Mongolian Barbeque,** Thursday, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Susitna Club. 753-3131

**Morning Coffee Conversation,** Thursday, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Arctic Oasis Community Center. 552-8529

**Ceramic Studio Time,** Pick your project Thursday-

Oct. 21 for \$5 per day, 5-9 p.m. at the Arts and Crafts Center. 552-7012

**Lights On After School and Goals for Graduation Rally,** Thursday, 4 p.m. at the Youth Center. 552-2266

**Red Pin Bowling,** Get a strike with a red headpin and receive a free game for every paid game, Thursday from 5-9 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

**Lights on After School Open House,** Thursday, 4:30-6 p.m. at the School Age Program. 552-8091

**CGOC Night,** Oct. 21 at The Cave in the Susitna Club. 753-3131

**Power Hour Pizza Party,** Oct. 21, 6-9 p.m. for \$8 at the Young Adult Center. 753-2371

**Open Bowling,** Oct. 21, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. for \$2.75 per game at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

**Pumpkin Carving Contest,** Oct. 21, 3:30-6 p.m. for \$2 per person or group at the Young Adult Center. 753-2371

**Give Parents a Break,** Oct. 21, 1-5 p.m. at the Denali CDC. 552-8304

**Baked Potato Bar Social Hour,** Oct. 21, 5-6 p.m. featuring snacks and specials at The Cave and the Kashim Lounge. 753-3131

\* Arts and Crafts Center classes must be signed up for three days in advance.

**FIESTA:** Load up at a Taco Bar Social Hour from 5-6 p.m. featuring snacks and specials at The Cave and the Kashim Lounge. 753-3131

**MOVIE:** *March of the Penguins* (G) Emperor penguins overcome daunting obstacles to return to their breeding grounds for mating season. This film tells the story of one year in the life of a flock. 7 p.m.

## ...:sat

**REV UP:** Get your motor running for the Lowe's Motor Speedway Quality 500, 3 p.m. at The Igloo in the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

**MOVIE:** *March of the Penguins* (G) See movie description above. 7 p.m.

## ...:sun

**FANTASY FOOTBALL:** Check out the action of live football via satellite while enjoying breakfast and snacks from the Kashim Lounge at the Kashim Club. The doors open at 8:30 a.m. Open to all ranks. 753-3131

**MOVIE:** *40 Year Old Virgin* (R) 40-year-old Andy has done quite a few things in his life. He's got a cushy job stamping invoices at an electronics superstore, a nice apartment with a proud collection of action figures and comic books, good friends, a nice attitude. But there's just one little thing he hasn't quite gotten around to doing yet - something most people have done by his age. Andy's never, ever, ever had sex. 7 p.m.

## ...:fyi

**FALL FEST:** Celebrate the changing of the seasons at Fall Fest, Oct. 28-30 at the Yukon Activity Center on Rickenbacker Ave. and spreading into the parking lot of the old Commissary. The event will include a haunted house, live bands, entertainment, trick or treat booths, hay and dogsled rides, a pumpkin patch, food, adult beverages, a Kris Kringle Market, a travel show and more. 552-8529



# Happy Birthday, USN

By **Capt. Tony Wickman**  
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

**ACROSS**

- 1. 80s music group \_\_ Leppard
- 4. Van Helsing actress Beckinsale
- 8. Wage
- 11. Overhead
- 13. Black in color
- 14. Overseas mil. address
- 15. Hero of the Battle of Manila Bay; Spanish-American War
- 16. Memorandum
- 17. Test answer
- 19. Perfect score (two words)
- 20. Bolt partner
- 21. Football stat
- 22. F-18 gauge
- 26. \_\_ Korb; 4X gymnastic medalist (1972 Olympics)
- 27. Head movement
- 28. CAPT, CDR, CPO, PO, SA, etc.
- 30. Mil. abbrev. for time left in uniform
- 33. Flirtatious
- 34. Tarnished
- 38. \_\_ Arabia

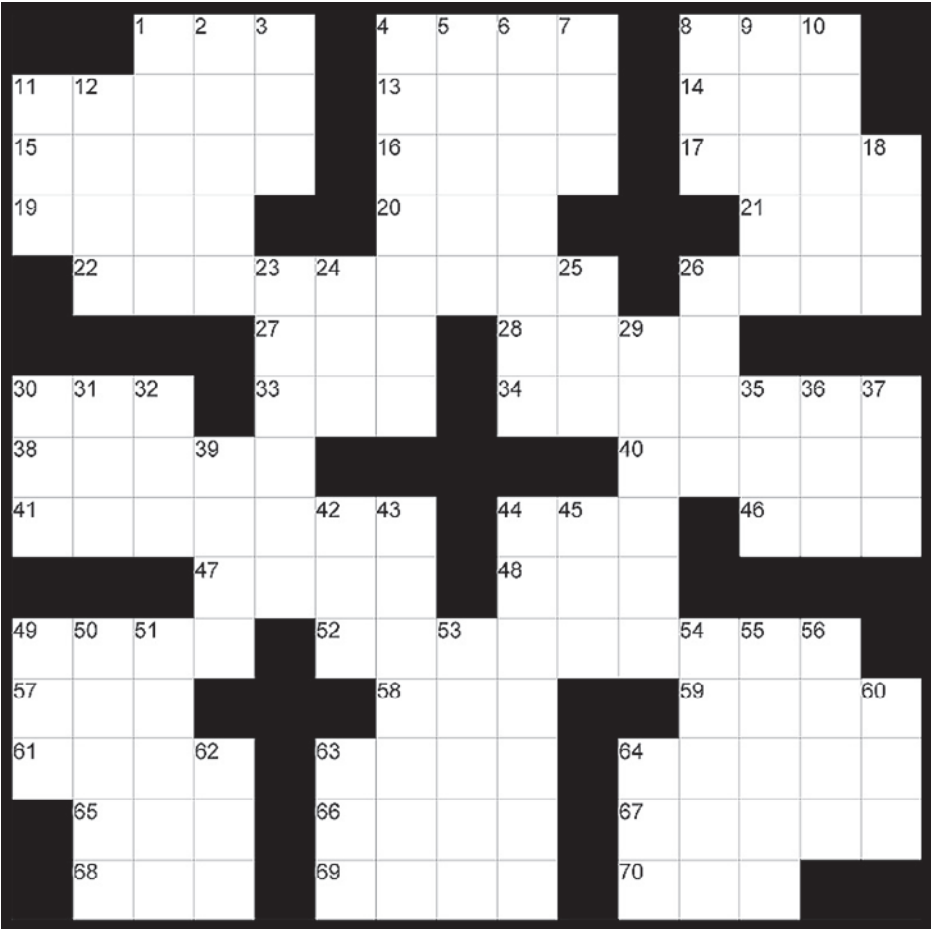


*Last week's solution*

- 40. Commodore who forced opening of Japan
- 41. Generates
- 44. Singer Torme
- 46. In existence
- 47. Thaw
- 48. Repeated 2X for USN jargon of “I understand and will obey”
- 49. Hanker for
- 52. James V. \_\_\_\_; SECNAV and first SECDEF
- 57. Scottish clan leader an outlaw
- 58. I.M. \_\_\_\_; American architect
- 59. Historic
- 61. Advanced
- 63. Rotated
- 64. Dark brown color
- 65. \_\_ Antonio
- 66. Or \_\_\_\_; ultimatum
- 67. A new candle
- 68. Explosive combo
- 69. Equal
- 70. Farewell

**DOWN**

- 1. Round wood pin
- 2. Occurrence
- 3. Displaying an otherworldly aspect
- 4. Former president, decorated WWII PT boat commander
- 5. Roughly
- 6. Stumbles
- 7. Compass dir.
- 8. Touch lightly
- 9. Tax month
- 10. Naval aviator and Gemini, Apollo, and Shuttle astronaut
- 11. Oklahoma town
- 12. Greek letter
- 18. Greek letter
- 23. Encourage



- 24. Cow sound
- 25. Rodent
- 26. Haggard tune “ \_\_\_\_ from Muskogee”
- 29. USN port in Italy; home to AF-SOUTH
- 30. Keyboard key
- 31. Road material
- 32. Litigate
- 35. Gun lobby
- 36. Mistake
- 37. Color
- 39. Lady
- 42. Fairy
- 43. Plug

- 44. Seafarer
- 45. Descry
- 49. Circle part
- 50. Shoreline
- 51. \_\_ G. Rickover; admiral called “Father of the Nuclear Navy”
- 53. Recycle
- 54. Infinitesimal
- 55. Pie type
- 56. 53, to Caesar
- 60. Feline
- 62. Tolkien character
- 63. Fall mon.
- 64. USN underwater boat



# SPORTSPAGE



Above: Paul Grotelueschen, 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron, takes a shot during an over 30 basketball game against the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron Oct. 6.



Right: Vangie Miller, 3rd CES, shoots the ball against the 962 AACCS. The 3rd CES downed the 962nd AACCS, 62 to 42.

## 2005 Basketball Standings

### Regular Season

Team	Won	Lost	Pct	GB
3rd CES	6	0	1.000	--
3rd CMS 2	6	1	.857	0.5
3rd EMS	6	1	.857	0.5
3rd AMXS	5	2	.714	1.5
3rd MDG	4	2	.667	2.0
381st IS	4	2	.667	2.0
3rd CS	4	3	.571	2.5
703rd AMXS	4	3	.571	2.5
3rd LRS	2	2	.500	3.0
962rd AACCS	3	3	.500	3.0
3rd CPTS	3	4	.429	3.5
EMS AGE	3	4	.429	3.5
3rd SFS	2	4	.333	4.0
3rd CONS	2	4	.333	4.0
611th ASG	2	4	.333	4.0
3rd CMS 1	1	6	.143	5.5
732nd AMS	1	6	.143	5.5
CMS PROPS	0	7	.000	6.5

### Over 30

Team	Won	Lost	Pct	GB
3rd MDG	6	0	1.000	--
3rd CES	6	1	.857	0.5
Corps of Eng.	4	2	.667	2.0
3rd SVS	3	2	.600	2.5
611th ASG	2	3	.400	3.5
381st IS	2	3	.400	3.5
611th AOG	1	3	.250	4.0
962nd AACCS	1	6	.143	5.5
3rd CS	0	5	.000	5.5

Current as of Oct. 11



Don't forget about the Elmendorf Pee Wee Sports League for youth ages 3-4 at the Youth Center. For more information, call 552-2266.